

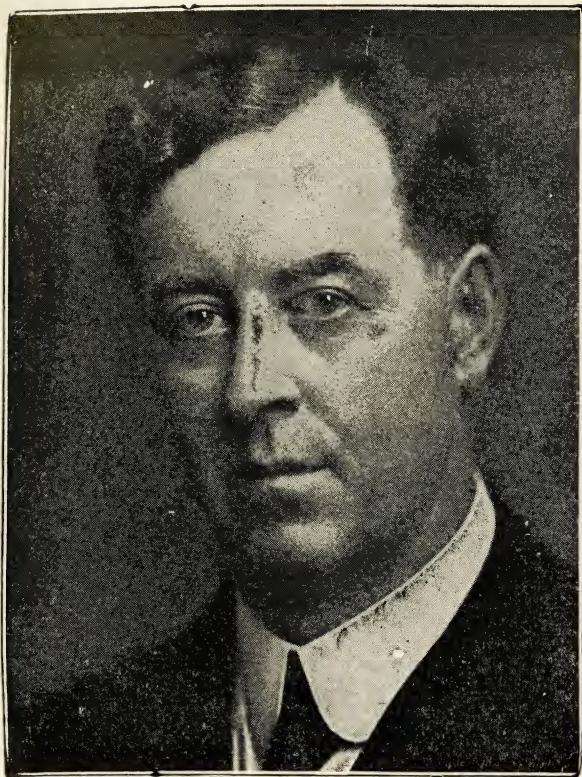
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CONFERENCE CHRONOLOGICAL ROLL.

NOTE.—Figures on the left indicate year of admission into the Traveling Connection.

Year	Name	Nativity	Address
1904	Carruth, J. A.	Mississippi	Lake Charles, La.
1911	Ellis, R. R.	Indiana	Elton, La.
1910	Ensign, F. J.	Wisconsin	De Quincey, La.
1910	Faulk, Haughton K.	Louisiana	Lutcher, La.
1907	Germany, W. H.	Mississippi	Boston, Mass.
1891	Gower, L. E.	Illinois	Houston, Texas.
1911	Harper, G. L.	Mississippi	Arcadia, Texas.
1911	Hardin, E. N.	Kentucky	Kinder, La.
1903	Hervey, J. W.	Texas	Welsh, La.
1900	Hines, G. B.	Texas	Lake Charles, La.
1898	Lively, J. W.	Arkansas	Marshall, Texas
1902	Leonard, H. C.	Ohio	San Antonio, Texas
1880	Loy, F. W.	Illinois	New Orleans, La.
	Morris, O. B.	Indiana	Port Arthur, Texas
1911	Newton, W. R.	Illinois	Bayou Chene, La.
1891	Oliver, N. H.	Pennsylvania	Glenmora, La.
1912	Perkins, C. A.	Texas	Patroon, Texas
1911	Pointer, J. D.	Alabama	Inhambane, E. Africa
1903	Price, A. J.	Michigan	Port Arthur, Texas
1907	Pynes, R. T.	Alabama	Marshall, Texas
1898	Sayers, N. L.	Pennsylvania	Kinder, La.
1892	Shrode, T. J.	Indiana	Houston, Texas
1908	Simpson, F. M.	Mississippi	Texas City, Texas.
1890	Stokes, W. T.	Alabama	Hughes Springs, Texas
1895	Smith, E. D.	Indiana	Washington, D. C.
1911	Swanson, R. G.	Texas	Summit, Miss.
1900	Van Valkenburg, F. R.	New York	West Springfield, Mass.
1904	Webb, T. E.	Tennessee	Jennings, La.
1905	Weldon, R. L.	Louisiana	Ebenezer, La.
1898	Woodson, Julian	Tennessee	Marshall, Texas.
	Yockey, S. H.		Iowa, La.

PROBATIONERS—Second Year

1916	Farr, M. A.	Louisiana	Dry Prong, La.
1910	Kenna, J. B.	Mississippi	Chattanooga, Tenn.
1914	Stasio, Enzo	Italy	At School
1912	Wynne, A. M.	Louisiana	Crowley, La.

First Year.

1912	Gates, W. I.	Illinois	La Porte, Texas
1914	Holmes, G. W.	Pennsylvania	Atlanta, Texas.
1916	Minter, K. C.	Texas	Woodville, Texas
1914	Monroe, C. H.	India	Attending School
1916	Vaughan, P. E.	Mississippi	De Ridder, La.

OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE.

Presiding Bishop

WILLIAM O. SHEPARD, D. D., LL. D.---Wichita, Kan.

Secretary

JAMES W. HERVEY -----Welsh, La.

First Assistant Secretary

H. C. LEONARD -----San Antonio, Texas

Second Assistant Secretary

R. R. ELLIS -----Elton, La.

Third Assistant Secretary

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Statistician

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First Assistant Statistician

O. J. ACKERMAN -----Beckville, Texas

Second Assistant Statistician

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Second Assistant Treasurer

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Conference Post Master

M. A. FARR -----Dry Prong, La.

CONFERENCE BOARDS—1917

District Board of Home Missions and Church Extension. Southern District: J. A. Carruth, R. L. Weldon, J. W. Hervey, C. V. Palmer, H. S. Williams.

New Orleans District: F. W. Loy, Haughton K. Faulk, S. E. Carruth.

Texas District: L. E. Gower, T. J. Shrode, Dr. J. W. Vogan, E. V. Chaney, F. M. Simpson.

District Epworth League Presidents.

R. L. Weldon, R. T. Pynes, R. R. Ellis.

Conference Commission on Finance.

T. J. Shrode, E. V. Chaney, F. M. Simpson

Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

G. B. Hines, Pastors at Welsh, Jennings and Ebenezer, the District Superintendents, Mrs. D. A. Kelly, G. B. Woolman, E. C. Willard, H. E. Buck, S. H. Yockey, H. C. Marshall.

Board of Foreign Missions.

O. B. Morris, Haughton K. Faulk, T. J. Shrode, H. C. Leonard, R. R. Ellis.

Board of Conference Stewards.

To serve one year: R. L. Weldon, T. J. Shrode, G. B. Hines.

To serve two years: J. W. Hervey, R. T. Pynes, F. M. Simpson.

To serve three years: R. R. Ellis, F. J. Ensign, H. C. Leonard.

District Sunday School Board.

The District Superintendents, Dr. R. T. Fuller, C. V. Palmer, J. C. Abel, C. A. Perkins, E. N. Hardin, Haughton K. Faulk.

Visitors to Port Arthur College.

H. C. Leonard, O. B. Morris, E. N. Hardin.

Triers of Appeals.

R. L. Weldon, A. J. Price, G. B. Hines, R. G. Swanson, C. A. Perkins;
Reserves: H. C. Leonard, O. B. Morris.

Board of Directors of Gulf Conference Incorporation.

J. A. Carruth, G. B. Hines, G. B. Woolman, W. E. Cline, H. E. Buck,
O. C. Stanton, J. D. Cline.

Board of Examiners.

Haughton K. Faulk, Chairman; T. E. Webb, Registrar; R. L. Weldon,
H. C. Leonard, J. W. Hervey, G. B. Hines, T. J. Shrode.
(See Plan of Conference Examinations.)

STANDING COMMITTEES—1916-1917

Foreign Missions.

O. B. Morris, R. T. Pynes, R. G. Swanson.

Episcopal Fund.

The District Superintendents.

Conference Relations.

G. B. Hines, T. J. Shrode, R. L. Weldon.

General Qualifications.

H. C. Leonard, T. E. Webb, O. B. Morris.

Auditing Accounts.

H. K. Faulk, E. N. Hardin, W. R. Newton.

Public Worship.

Pastor and District Superintendent.

Resolutions.

O. B. Morris, H. C. Leonard, H. K. Faulk.

Memoirs.

G. B. Hines, J. W. Lively, C. A. Perkins.

Sabbath Observance

R. G. Swanson, W. B. Hebert.

Sunday Schools

W. T. Stokes, H. C. Leonard, H. K. Faulk.

State of the Church.

R. T. Pynes, C. A. Perkins.

Temperance.

W. T. Stokes, S. H. Yockey.

American Bible Society.

R. R. Ellis, Julian Woodson.

Book Concern and Periodicals.

H. C. Leonard, C. A. Perkins, J. W. Hervey.

Home Missions and Church Extension.

G. B. Hines, E. N. Hardin, F. J. Ensign.

Education.

H. K. Faulk, A. J. Price, H. C. Leonard, T. J. Shrode, T. E. Webb.

Freedmen's Aid.

R. T. Pynes, R. L. Weldon, S. H. Yockey.

Epworth League.

F. J. Ensign, R. L. Weldon, R. T. Pynes.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. Is this Annual Conference incorporated according to the requirements of the Discipline?

YES.

2. Who have been received by transfer and from what Conferences?

S. H. Yockey, Columbia River; O. B. Morris, North Indiana.

3. Who have been re-admitted?

NONE.

4. Who have been received on credentials and from what churches?

P. E. Vaughan, Missionary Baptist; W. E. Harrison, Methodist Episcopal, South.

5. Who have been received on trial?

Matthew A. Farr, Kenneth C. Minter.

(b.) In studies -- of Third year under Seminary Rule?

6. Who have been continued on trial?

(a.) In studies of first year.

Wm. I. Gates, Guy W. Holmes.

(b.) In studies of second year?

James B. Kenna, Enzo Stasio, Ardia M. Wynne.

(c.) In studies of third year.

NONE.

(d.) In studies of fourth year.

James D. Pointer.

7. Who have been discontinued?

C. C. Beasley.

8. Who have been admitted into full membership?

(a.) Elected and ordained Deacons this year.

NONE.

(b.) Elected and ordained Deacons previously.

NONE.

9. What members are in studies of third year?

NONE.

10. What members are in studies of fourth year?

James D. Pointer.

11. What members have completed the Conference Course of Study?

NONE.

12. What others have been elected and ordained Deacons?

NONE.

13. What others have been elected and ordained Elders?

NONE.

14. Was the character of each Preacher examined?
This was strictly done in open Conference as the name of each Brother was called.

15. Who have been transferred, and to what Conference?
J. H. Beadle, Southwest Kansas; C. L. Elliott, Missouri; W. S. Franklin, Oklahoma; R. T. Hodgson, New York.

16. Who have died?

NONE.

17. Who have been located at their own request?

NONE.

18. Who have been located?

NONE.

19. Who have withdrawn?

R. R. Smith.

20. Who have been permitted to withdraw under charges or complaints?

NONE.

21. Who have been expelled?

NONE.

22. What other personal notation should be made?

NONE.

23. Who are the Supernumerary Ministers, and for what number of years consecutively has each held this relation?

N. H. Oliver, retired this year.

24. Who are the Retired Ministers?

J. W. Lively, N. H. Oliver, N. L. Sayers, F. D. Van Valkenberg, Julian Woodson.

25. Who are the Triers of Appeals?

R. L. Weldon, A. J. Price, G. B. Hines, R. G. Swanson, C. A. Perkins. Reserve: H. C. Leonard, O. B. Morris.

26. What is the annual report of the Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension?

(See report.)

27. What is the annual report of the Conference Board of Foreign Missions?

No report.

28. What is the Statistical Report?

(See report.)

29. What is the Conference Treasurers' report?

(See report.)

30. What is the aggregate of the benevolent collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?
\$3,219.

31. What are the claims on the Conference funds? \$2,400.

32. What has been received on these claims, and how has it been applied?

(See report of Conference Stewards.)

33. What amount has been apportioned to the pastoral charges within the Conference, to be raised for the support of Conference claimants? \$600.

34. What is the five per cent of the amount raised for support of Conference claimants, and paid by the Conference Treasurer to the Board of Conference Claimants for connectional relief? \$22.

35. Where are the Preachers stationed?

(See list of appointments.)

36. Where shall the next Conference be held?

TEXAS CITY, TEXAS.

APPOINTMENTS.

New Orleans District.

2 FRANK W. LOY, Superintendent.
1537 Calliope St., New Orleans, La.

2 Auburn and Smithdale	-----	R. G. Swanson
1 Gloster	-----	To be supplied
2 Hammond	-----	(M. E. Bramhall)
1 Loranger	-----	To be supplied
2 Lutchter	-----	Haughton K. Faulk

New Orleans:

1 First Italian	-----	To be supplied
3 St. Charles Ave.	-----	F. W. Loy James Sanna

Southern District.

6 JOHN A. CARRUTH, District Superintendent, Lake Charles, La.	
6 Bayou Chene	----- W. R. Newton
1 Crowley	----- A. M. Wynne
1 De Ridder	----- P. E. Vaughan
3 De Quincey	----- F. J. Ensign
2 Dry Prong	----- M. A. Farr
2 Ebenezer	----- R. L. Weldon
3 Elton and Raymond	----- R. R. Ellis
9 French Mission and Sweet Lake	----- (W. B. Hebert)
1 Florien and Neame	----- To be supplied
1 Gueydan	----- S. H. Yockey
5 Hico	----- Q. L. Bennett
2 Iowa	----- S. H. Yockey
1 Jennings	----- T. E. Webb
1 Kinder and Basile	----- E. N. Hardin

1	Marthaville	(L. B. Boicourt)
5	Lake Charles	G. B. Hines
2	Port Arthur	O. B. Morris
	Vivian	To be supplied
2	Welsh	James W. Hervey

Texas District.

2 LOUIS E. GOWER, District Superintendent, Houston, Texas.

1	Alvin	(H. S. Alkire)
1	Atlanta and Jefferson	Guy W. Holmes
1	Arcadia and Pearland	G. L. Harper
1	Deadwood and Bethel	(A. K. Casey)
	Houston:	
	3 College Heights	(T. M. Ransom)
	3 Houston Heights	T. J. Shrode
2	Hughes Springs and Winnsboro	W. T. Stokes
3	La Porte	W. I. Gates
2	Lufkin Circuit	C. H. LaGrone
1	Lyford	Geo. L. Harper
1	Marshall	R. T. Pynes
1	Noonday and Harleton	To be supplied
1	Ore City Circuit	(Charles Richardson)
1	Polk Circuit	To be supplied
1	Rock Hill	(O. J. Ackerman)
4	Sabine	C. A. Perkins
3	San Antonio: "Trinity"	H. C. Leonard
6	Shelbyville Center and Overton	(J. M. Kenna)
2	South Houston and Aldine	(T. M. Ransom)
2	Texas City	F. M. Simpson
4	Woodville Circuit	K. C. Minter

Names enclosed by () are supplies. Figures on left of charge indicate years or service.

Special Appointments.

- 4 Arthur J. Price, President Port Arthur College.
- 1 Walter E. Harrison, Teacher in Evangelistic Institute, Chicago.
- 5 James D. Pointer, Missionary in Portugese East Africa.
- 4 James B. Kenna, W. Hugh Germany and C. H. Monroe left without appointments to attend school.
- J. W. Lively, Julian Woodson, F. D. Van Valkenburg, N. L. Sayers and N. H. Oliver, our honored Veterans.
- Ernest Daily Smith, Extension Secretary, Board of Temperance and Public Morals, Washington, D. C.

Daily Proceedings.

FIRST DAY.

De Ridder, La., Dec. 7, 1916.

Opening.

The Gulf Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church assembled for its fourteenth annual session, Thursday, December 7, 1916, at 8:30 a. m., in the First Methodist Episcopal Church, De Ridder, La., Bishop Wm. O. Shepard, D. D., LL. D., presiding. Hymn No. 1 was sung. The Old Testament lesson by F. W. Loy, after which prayer was offered by L. E. Gower and J. A. Carruth. The Holy Communion was then administered by the Bishop assisted by the District Superintendents and the resident Pastor.

Called to Order.

The Bishop called the Conference to order and asked the Secretary of the last session to call the roll. Twenty-three members and probationers responded to their names.

Organization.

On motion of J. A. Carruth, J. W. Hervey was elected Secretary and appointed H. C. Leonard, R. R. Ellis and R. L. Weldon as assistants.

On motion of L. E. Gower, F. M. Simpson was elected Statistician and he appointed O. J. Ackerman and K. C. Minter as his assistants.

On motion of J. A. Carruth, F. J. Ensign was re-elected Conference Treasurer and he appointed as his assistants T. J. Shrode and O. B. Morris.

M. A. Farr was elected Conference Postmaster.

The Bar of the Conference was fixed to include the first four pews.

On motion of T. J. Shrode, the printed program was made the program of the Conference.

L. E. Gower read partial list of Standing Committees. (See Committees.)

Introductions.

The following were introduced: Rev. E. B. Dillard of the Louisiana Children's Home Society, Dr. E. C. Clemens, Chaplain of the 2nd Minn. Infantry, Mercedes, Texas, also Field Representative of the Board of Conference Claimants. Rev. O. B. Morris, new pastor at Port Arthur, was also introduced.

After a communication concerning the new Pastoral Report blanks was read from the Book Concern, by the Secretary, the new blanks were ordered to be used at this session.

The Secretary read communications from Dr. C. B. Spencer,

Editor of the Central Christian Advocate, and Dr. J. M. Melear, Editor of the Methodist Advocate Journal.

Question 14.—Was the character of each Preacher examined? Yes.

The names of the following District Superintendents were called, their characters were passed and they reported their Districts: F. W. Loy of the New Orleans District, J. A. Carruth of the Southern District and L. E. Gower of the Texas District.

The Conference then sang hymn beginning: "O, where are Kings and Empires now?"

Question 24.—Who are the Retired Ministers? The following were called, their characters were passed and they reported: N. L. Sayers, Julian Woodson, J. W. Lively. A communication was read from F. D. Van Valkenburg. The Secretary was ordered to send him greetings.

Dr. E. C. Clemens brought greetings from Dr. Hingeley and spoke of the work of the Board of Conference Claimants and presented to Conference a draft for \$300.00 from the Board.

L. E. Gower read the apportionment for the Board of Conference Claimants by the Commission of Finance: Gulf Conference \$62.00, distributed as follows: New Orleans District \$8.00, Southern District \$26.00, Texas District \$28.00.

Question 2. Who have been received by transfer and from what Conferences? O. B. Morris, North Indiana; S. H. Yockey, Columbia River.

Question 15. Who have been transferred, and to what Conferences? J. H. Beadle, S. W. Kansas; C. L. Elliott, Missouri, and R. T. Hodgson, New York.

Address. Rev. E. B. Dillard spoke in the interest of the Louisiana Children's Home Society.

C. A. Perkins was appointed to take subscriptions for the Methodist Review.

J. A. Carruth made his report for Conference Claimants Permanent Fund. (See report.)

Closing. After announcements by the Pastor the Conference adjourned with benediction by the Bishop.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Statistical session. At 2 o'clock the Bishop called the Conference to order. "A Charge to Keep I Have," was sung and the secretary called the roll of pastors and charges and reports were handed to the statistician and treasurer. Adjourned.

SECOND DAY, FRIDAY, Dec. 8, 1916.

Conference convened at 8:30 a. m. with the Bishop in the chair.

After the singing of "Nearer My God to Thee," the Bishop addressed the conference on "The Fact of God." This was a very gracious deliverance. Prayer was made by N. H. Oliver.

Business session. The Journal of the first day was read and approved. The Secretary called the names of those who were not present the first day and four answered "present."

Question 14 (resumed.) Was the character of each preacher examined?

The characters of the effective elders of the New Orleans District were passed and they reported their work.

The characters of the effective elders of the Southern District were passed and they reported their work.

The characters of the effective elders of the Texas District were passed and they made reports.

On motion of J. A. Carruth the Conference ordered that C. H. Monroe be left without appointment to attend school.

Under special appointments the following were called and their characters were passed: Arthur J. Price, president of Port Arthur College; W. H. Germany, student in Boston; E. D. Smith, Extension Secretary of Board of Temperance and Public Morals, Washington, D. C.

Introductions. Rev. C. P. Roney, pastor of the Baptist church of DeRidder, La.; Rev. J. W. Stewart of the St. Louis Conference; Mr. John Konizeski of the Book Concern; and Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Pointer, missionaries to Portugese East Africa.

At this time the Bishop announced the dividend from the Book Concern to be \$481.00 and from the Estate of John Rose, \$34.00 for Conference Claimants. The secretary read a communication from the Book Concern.

Bishop Shepard spoke in behalf of the Church papers and urged a thorough and systematic canvas for subscriptions by every pastor.

Rev. J. A. Christian, State Superintendent of the Louisiana Anti-Saloon League, was introduced and he addressed the Conference.

Question 19.—Who have withdrawn? On motion of L. E. Gower, R. R. Smith was permitted to withdraw, his parchments countersigned and returned.

Closing.

After announcements, the Conference adjourned with Benediction by the Bishop.

AFTERNOON SESSION—SECOND DAY.

Bishop Wm. O. Shepard presiding.

Hymn beginning, "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord," was sung and the Bishop offered prayer.

The Journal of the morning session was read and approved.

Question 11.—What members have completed the Conference Course of Study? None.

On motion J. D. Pointer was continued in the studies of the fourth year.

Question 7.—Who have been discontinued? On motion of J. A. Carruth, C. C. Beasley was discontinued and a copy of his credentials was ordered made and sent to him. The original was destroyed by fire.

Question 6.—Who have been continued on trial?

(a) In Studies of the First Year? W. I. Gates, Guy W. Holmes and C. H. Monroe.

(b) In Studies of the Second Year? On motion of F. W. Loy, J. B. Kenna was continued in the Studies of the Second Year and request made that he be left without appointment to attend one of our schools.

Question 3.—Who have been Re-Admitted? None.

Question 5.—Who have been received on Trial? On motion of J. A. Carruth, Matthew A. Farr was admitted on Trial and placed in the Studies of the Second Year.

On motion of L. E. Gower, Kenneth C. Minter was admitted on Trial and placed in the Studies of the First Year.

On motion the District Superintendent was permitted to use O. J. Ackerman as a Supply, with a view of entering the Conference.

Question 12.—What others have been elected and ordained Deacons? None.

Question 13.—What others have been elected and ordained Elders? None.

Question 4.—Who have been received on Credentials and from what Churches? On motion of J. A. Carruth, P. E. Vaughan was received on Trial, from the Baptist church, and placed in the Studies of the First Year.

On motion of J. A. Carruth, Walter E. Harrison was received as an Elder from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

On motion of F. W. Loy the Bishop was requested to appoint a commission of five on transfer of a Charge from one Conference to another Conference. The Bishop appointed the following: The District Superintendents, Haughton K. Faulk and J. W. Hervey.

Question 17.—Who have been located at their own request? None.

Question 18.—Who have been Located? None.

Question 20.—Who have been permitted to withdraw under charges or complaints? None.

Question 21.—Who have been expelled? None.

On motion of J. W. Hervey, the order of the day for 10 o'clock Saturday morning should be collecting funds for the publication of the Conference Journal.

L. E. Gower read the list of the Standing Committees. (See

Committees). N. B.—These assignments are made for the 1917 session as well as for this one.

On motion of J. A. Carruth the Conference went into executive session.

On motion of L. E. Gower, the contrition, reformation and confession of W. C. Mann was accepted as satisfactory. The Conference voted to forgive him, but no further action was taken.

The Secretary called the Committees and their chairmen announced the time and place of meeting.

On motion of G. B. Hines the sum of \$47.60 interest on Invested Funds was ordered paid to the Treasurer of the Conference Board of Stewards.

Closing.

After announcements, Julian Woodson pronounced the benediction.

THIRD DAY, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1916.

Devotions.

Conference opened by singing, "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?" Bishop Shepard addressed the Conference on the subject: "Is God Happy?" Prayer was offered by O. B. Morris, and "Where He Leads me I will Follow," was sung.

The Journal of the previous day was read and approved.

Question 1.—Is this Annual Conference incorporated according to the requirements of the Discipline? It is.

Question 25.—Who are the Triers of Appeals? R. L. Weldon, A. J. Price, G. B. Hines, R. G. Swanson and C. A. Perkins. Reserves: H. C. Leonard and O. B. Morris.

Question 36.—Where shall the next Conference be held. Texas City, Texas, was unanimously chosen.

On motion of G. B. Hines a four o'clock session was ordered.

On motion of F. W. Loy the following resolution was unanimously adopted by rising vote: We constantly rejoice in the increased fellowship and co-operation of the followers of Christ. We hail with deep joy and much satisfaction the prospect of organic union with our sister denomination, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

We are in hearty accord with the action of our General Conference in favor of Church Unity.

We favor and earnestly pray for the complete organic union of all Methodist bodies in accordance with the plan proposed by our General Conference at Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

Dr. O. S. Baketel was introduced by the Bishop and he addressed the Conference, giving practical instructions as to the use of the new Report and Statistical blanks. Dr. Baketel is Editor of the Methodist Year Book and also the General Minutes.

The order of the day having arrived, the Secretary called the roll

and received cash and subscriptions for the Journal Fund.

Arthur J. Price spoke in the interest of Port Arthur College. He made his report which showed that this current year is the best in the history of the College.

J. A. Curruth reported that the following had been elected Trustees of the Corporate Conference subject to the ratification of the Gulf Conference: Bishop W. P. Thirkield, New Orleans, La.; Mrs. D. A. Kelly, Lake Charles, La.; Harvey Marshall, Jennings, La.; Henry Walton, Elton, La.; G. B. Hines, Lake Charles, La.; Arthur J. Price, Port Arthur, Texas.

On motion of T. J. Shrode the Secretary of the Conference was instructed to cast the ballot of the Conference in ratification of the Trustees named. The ballot was cast and so reported by the Secretary, thereby ratifying their election.

On motion of F. W. Loy, the Trustees of the Corporate Conference were authorized to have the Articles of Incorporation so amended as to strike out any portion limiting it to holding, selling or conveying of Church property for the benefit of Superannuated Preachers only.

A standing vote was called for. Twenty-one voted in the affirmative and none in the negative. It was declared carried.

In the matter of the sale of the Church property, known as Williams' Chapel, San Antonio, and the Hyde Park property at Austin, A. J. Price reported the action of the Conference of 1915 inadequate in that it named no agent of the Conference to perfect the sales. He, therefore, moved that the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Conference by the duly authorized agents of the Gulf Conference for the sale of these properties as authorized by the Conference of 1915, and that they be instructed to pay Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) of the net proceeds to the Treasurer of Port Arthur College and to hold the balance in trust for the benefit of our Retired Preachers. The motion was carried.

A. J. Price reported that the Board of Trustees of the Corporate Conference, in accordance with the action of the Conference of 1915, had given Port Arthur College on behalf of the Gulf Conference its note of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500).

On motion of F. W. Loy, A. J. Price and the District Superintendents were authorized to apportion this amount to the Charges of the Conference.

The following Committees presented their reports which were adopted: Foreign Missions, State of the Church, Epworth League and Sunday Schools. (See reports).

Question 23.—Who are the Supernumerary Ministers? N. H. Oliver.

On motion of G. B. Hines, N. H. Oliver was granted, by his re-

quest the retired relation. Brother Oliver made some remarks as to his life in the Conference and his present willingness to be of some service to his brethren.

Rev. Paul M. Brown Pastor of the local Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was introduced to the Conference.

Adjourned with benediction by Dr. O. S. Baketel.

AFTERNOON SESSION—THIRD DAY.

Bishop Shepard in the chair. Session opened with singing "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing." Prayer was offered by Rev. Paul Brown. Journal of the morning session was read and approved.

The following Committees read their reports which were adopted: Freedmen's Aid, Temperance, Education, Auditing Accounts, Home Missions and Church Extension, American Bible Society. (See reports).

On motion of L. E. Gower, the Secretary was instructed to send telegrams to the Senators of Texas and Louisiana stating the mind of the Conference in regard to a dry capital.

On motion of J. A. Carruth the following resolution by N. H. Oliver was adopted: Resolved that we, the Gulf Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church instruct our Secretary to send a memorial to the Secretary of War asking him to use all the influence of the Federal Government that is in its power to have removed from the border of Texas the close proximity of the saloon and the brothel in order that temptation may be lessened and our soldier boys be made more safe.

On motion of A. J. Price the 80 per cent of the Educational collection was turned over to Port Arthur College.

The report of the Conference Treasurer was read and adopted. (See report.)

Question 28.—What is the Statistical report? The Statistician read his report. (See the Statistics.)

Moved by J. W. Hervey that the printed minutes be the official journal of the Conference. Carried.

Question 26.—What is the annual report of the Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension? (See report.)

Question 27.—What is the annual report of the Conference Board of Foreign Missions? No report.

On motion of G. B. Hines, the Conference requested the Board of Foreign Missions at New York to grant Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Pointer a stay of several weeks in this, his own Conference, that he might interest the people in his Mission Feld on the Dark Continent.

On motion of G. B. Hines, the question of further plans for raising funds for Conference Claimants was referred to the Conference Board of Stewards.

The motion of H. C. Leonard prevailed that the Conference convene after the Sunday night service and adjourn after the reading of the appointments.

Conference adjourned with Benediction by O. J. Ackerman.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Rev. R. L. Weldon, pastor at Crowley and Ebenezer, conducted a well attended and very helpful Love Feast at 10 o'clock.

At 11 o'clock in the usual order of service Bishop Shepard delivered a very inspiring and helpful sermon on "Life."

At 3 o'clock, p. m. the Bishop held a unique and very blessed Consecration Service for the Ministers, in which each and all seemed to take a new hold on faith and to begin anew the holy work of the Ministry. It was a blessed occasion.

In the evening the Rev. D. D. Forsythe, D. D., Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, delivered a very interesting address on the work of the Board in its history and relation to the work of Methodism in the cities and on the frontier.

The pulpits of the other churches of the city of De Ridder were occupied both morning and evening by preachers of the Conference.

FOURTH DAY—SUNDAY, DEC. 10. 1916—EVENING SESSION.

About 9 o'clock Bishop Shepard called the Conference to order for the final session. The Journal of the previous day having already been approved and this session following a religious service, the regular devotions were dispensed with.

L. E. Gower moved that a Lord's Day Commission be appointed in accordance with a request coming from the Texas Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for such an action on our part. The motion prevailed and the Bishop appointed the following on the Commission: The District Superintendents, the Pastors at Marshall, Hughes Springs, and Jefferson.

L. E. Gower offered a resolution looking to the uniting of the Gulf and Southern German Conferences in one. It was adopted. (See resolution.)

L. E. Gower read the Missionary Appropriations for the current year, which were adopted. (See appropriations.)

The Secretary of the Cabinet read the list of Boards to act for the ensuing year. (See Boards.)

On motion of R. L. Weldon, L. B. Boicourt, Local Preacher, was allowed to present a resolution on French work, which was adopted. (See the resolution.)

A resolution of appreciation for the wise and Godly leadership

and the inspirational addresses and sermons of Bishop Shepard was presented by Haughton K. Faulk, and was adopted by rising vote.

Resolutions of Thanks offered by Haughton K. Faulk were unanimously adopted. (See resolutions.)

R. T. Pynes read recommendations offered by the Board of Stewards, which were adopted. (See recommendations.)

T. J. Shrode moved that after the reading of the Appointments, the Conference adjourn sine die. This prevailed.

Question 30.—What is the aggregate of the Benevolent collections, ordered by the General Conference and reported by the Conference Treasurer? \$3,219.

Question 31.—What has been received for Conference Claimants and how has it been applied? \$1,344. For the distribution of it, see the report of the Board of Stewards.

Question 32.—What amount has been apportioned to the pastoral charges, to be raised for support of Conference Claimants? \$600.

Question 33.—What is the 5 per cent to be paid to Connectional Relief? \$22

Question 34.—Where are the Preachers stationed? (See appointments.)

OFFICIAL CERTIFICATE.

This is to Certify that the foregoing is the Official Record of the Fourteenth Annual Session of the Gulf Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

JAMES W. HERVEY, Secretary. WM. O. SHEPARD, President.

Reports.

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

F. W. LOY, Superintendent.

New Orleans District is small in the number of appointments but big in territory and opportunity.

Within its borders lies New Orleans, the metropolis of the South, rapidly growing in population. This city is held within the stout grip of the forces of evil.

There are a large number of rural communities within the bounds of the district without church privileges.

The obligation is still upon us to preach the gospel to every creature and that includes the unfed multitudes of the Southland.

To refer more specifically to the work of the year, I can say that the pastors have labored with zeal and Christian enthusiasm, and all are held in high esteem by the people.

Auburn, with three appointments, has had a good year. About 50 have united with the church. The tabernacle meeting at Auburn in mid-summer was a time of refreshing and added not only to the numerical strength of the charge, but also quickened the spiritual life of the same. R. G. Swanson is pastor.

Gloster has made progress along all lines. A revival spirit prevails, R. G. Swanson has been in charge.

Hammond has had the service of M. E. Bramhall, a retired member of the Kansas conference. Brother Bramhall's ministry and life have been a blessing to the entire city.

Loranger is most promising. In February the new church, which cost over \$6,000, was dedicated by Bishop W. P. Thirkield, D. D., LL. D. The church is growing in membership and influence. The Sunday school is graded and up to date. This will soon become one of the leading charges of the conference. W. C. Bergman who served the church as pastor for two years and lead in the organization of the society and the building of the church, returned to his old conference, and F. H. Schuldt finished out the year very acceptably.

H. K. Faulk has labored successfully at Lutch. All the interests of the charge have been carefully conserved. Brother Faulk stands deservedly high among all classes.

The First Italian, New Orleans, has held its own. The work has been pushed with vigor. The Woman's Home Missionary society is in hearty co-operation and very helpful. Rev. Enzo Stasio pastor.

St. Charles Avenue has had a good year. This difficult field taxes the strength of any man. Matters are now in contemplation looking toward the merging of this church with other Methodist forces in

New Orleans and putting our work among English speaking people upon a larger and more satisfactory basis. This we highly favor.

With gratitude to God for His mercies and with increased love for Christ and His Kingdom, we pledge to Him the strength of our being and residue of days. Faithfully,

F. W. LOY, Superintendent.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

J. A. CARRUTH, Superintendent.

Bishop Shepard and Members of the Conference:

We rejoice that we are here today. That we are again privileged to meet in annual session, and see one another face to face.

God in His goodness and mercy, has been with us. The spirit of unity, brotherly love and brotherly kindness has prevailed. The day never was when the men of the District were drawn closer together than now, nor when the District Superintendent enjoyed more good will and fellowship of all the brethren. Nor are these evidences of the Spirit's power and presence to be found among our ministers only, but are found in all our churches, and with almost every individual. Every where there is a spirit of optimism, and a desire to go forward in the work of the Master.

At the last session of the Conference, the territory of the Southern District was considerably changed, by taking from and adding to. The territory added was the larger part of what was the North Louisiana District, and which was served for the past two years by the Rev. H. S. White. Everywhere we heard kind and appreciative words of Bro. White. The District, as it now stands, is composed of nineteen pastoral charges, either stations or circuits, paying from \$2,000 to considerably less than \$300. It extends from Port Arthur, Texas, on the west to within eighty miles of New Orleans, on the east, and from the Gulf of Mexico on the south to the Arkansas line on the north.

You can readily see, that to travel this great stretch of country, making each point four times, and some as many as seven and eight times during the year, would mean hard work and heavy expenses. The work I found I was able to stand, but to meet the expenses was often more difficult. We have traveled by train, (but never entering a sleeper), buggy, mule wagon, on horseback, by boat, and on foot. We have been able to meet all of our appointments promptly, with but two or three exceptions, (and this was not the fault of the D. S.) and have looked after all the interests of the Church to the best of our ability.

The pastors, (God bless them), have been true to the trust committed unto them. They have labored faithfully for the promotion of the kingdom of the Master, and have not been left without reward. Some on circuits, not having a conveyance by which to reach their

appointments, have walked for miles that they might have the privilege of preaching the gospel of good news to a hungry people. And in addition to this, they have worked through the week that they might be able to pay their expenses, and that they might not have to give up their work. God will see to it that they have their reward.

Ministerial Support.

For the four items of ministerial support, we were expected to raise twelve thousand seven hundred and seventy dollars (\$12,770.00). I hope that the pastors' reports will show that every dollar of this amount has been paid. Some of the charges are well organized, pay promptly, and will pay in full, while it has been hard to get others to handle it systematically.

Benevolences.

We were asked to raise for benevolent causes, twenty-two hundred and thirteen dollars (\$2,213.00). It has been our aspiration and desire, throughout the year, to be able to report this amount paid in full. We will not be able to do this quite, but I think the most of the pastors will present a commendable report on them. We have tried to encourage and inspire the people to give to these worthy causes.

Church Membership.

According to the Minutes of the last session of the Conference, we had at the beginning of the year, 1,980 members. We have had approximately two hundred (200) additions during the year. If we have had no losses this is more than the ten per cent gain that we are striving for.

Sunday Schools.

Good progress has been made in Sunday School work during the year, in the way of better organization, better equipment and more efficient leadership. We found a number of schools in the territory added last year, using union literature in preference to our own. We have tried to show them the consistency, loyalty and advantage of using our own, and have succeeded in getting it in some of the schools.

Epworth Leagues.

We believe the Epworth League to be one of the finest fields for our young people. We have something like ten or eleven organizations in the District, and should have several more. We have organized several during the year, and have others in prospect. One of the needs of the Leagues of the District is a District Rally, or a series of get-together meetings. I am sure that the District Superintendent (who ever he may be another year) would be glad to co-operate with the Epworth League District President, in arranging for such meetings. We also have several Junior Epworth Leagues in the District, and they are all doing fine work.

Church and Parsonage Property.

We have built during the year one new church. This is on the

Marthaville Charge, and when completed will be worth about \$1,000.00. Two new parsonages have been built, one at Raymond, on the Raymond and China charge, and is worth about \$1,000.00, and one at Kinder which is worth about \$1,250. We now have 31 church buidings in the District, that are worth approximately \$102,925.00. Five of the churches are unoccupied, and probably will not appear in the pastors' reports.

Dedications.

We dedicated two new churches during the year. One on the Marthaville charge, at Flora, La. This church was dedicated by the District Superintendent, assisted by the Board of Trustees and the Local Preachers on the charge. The other was our splendid plant at Port Arthur. This was a red letter day for our church there. Bishop Thirkield preached the dedicatory sermon, and conducted the formal dedication, assisted by the Pastor, the District Superintenant, and the President of Port Arthur College, the Rev. Arthur J. Price. The church was presented for dedication by the Board of Trustees. This plant is worth about \$35,000. Through the liberality of Mrs. John W. Gates, a fine pipe organ has since been installed.

Changes in Appointments During the Year.

During the year Rev. E. D. Smith, pastor at Port Arthur, was appointed Extension Secretary of the Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals, and Rev. O. B. Morris, of the North Indiana Conference, was transferred to the Gulf Conference and placed at Port Arthur. Rev. R. T. Hodgson, our pastor at Jennings, because of the illness of his wife, thought it best for him to go back east, and was permitted to do so.

✓ Rev. C. C. Beasley, who was appointed to the Marthaville charge, suffered the misfortune to be burned out about the middle of May, sent his family away until they could readjust themselves. He followed later and never returned to the work. The year was finished out by the Local Preachers of the charge.

In the case of Ebenezer, which was left to be supplied at last Conference, it was thought best to let Rev. Weldon, our pastor at Crowley, divide his time between the two points, giving half time to each. This proved to be a good adjustment and Ebenezer is now asking that Rev. Weldon be given them for full time.

Port Arthur College.

Port Arthur College is having the very best year since we have had charge of the school. We have the largest student body we have ever had, the dormitory being filled to capacity. This proves that we were not wrong in our prediction last Conference that this would be the best year of the institution. We leave the details to be reported by the President, Rev. Arthur J. Price.

Our Mission.

We read in our Book of Discipline, "In 1729, two young men in

England, reading the Bible, saw they could not be saved without Holiness, followed after it, and incited others so to do. In 1737, they saw, likewise, that men are justified, before they are sanctified; but still holiness, was their object. God then thrust them out to raise a holy people. This was the rise of Methodism, as given in the words of its founders, John and Charles Wesley."

We read again in our Book of Discipline, "The Methodist Episcopal Church has always believed that the infallible proof of the legitimacy of any branch of the Christian Church is its ability to seek and to save the lost, and to disseminate the pentecostal spirit and life."

We all believe, that what ever else we may do, the above program is still the big program of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In this is pointed out our chief business among men. We also believe that if we should fail, (but by God's help we shall not fail), in this we have failed in all.

I am glad to say that I know the revival fire still burns upon the altar of the Methodist Episcopal Church, upon the altars of her ministers, and of her people's hearts, and it is with this confidence that we face the coming year, and will go forth to dare and to do for the Master.

Respectfully,

J. A. CARRUTH, District Superintendent.

TEXAS DISTRICT.

LEWIS E. GOWER, Superintendent.

Dear Bishop and Brethren:

With gratitude to God for His fatherly care, and thankfulness for the support and co-operation of my brethren, both ministerial and lay, I bring to you my report of the Texas District.

It was not without misgivings that I entered upon the work assigned me; the complex nature and magnitude of the work, and the thought of its far-reaching consequences, brought me tremblingly in tearful supplication to God, and it is by His good Providence that we are here at the end of the fifty-two weeks, each of which have come and gone with a swiftness that appeared greater than that of the weaver's shuttle in its oscillations, to take part with you in the deliberations of another session of our Annual Conference.

The District consists of twenty-four charges, twenty-two of which receive pastoral oversight, to each of these Bishop Thirkield appointed a man at last Conference; and every man entered upon his work immediately, and with an expressed purpose of succeeding.

Early in the year our hearts were saddened by the news of the sudden death of our Pastor at Ore City, Rev. Harland Love Ellington. Bro. Ellington had won his way to the hearts and love of his people and was developing plans for larger things on the charge, when he was suddenly seized by a malignant attack of black jaundice, which

took him to his coronation on March 13th. He died in the triumphs of a living faith, leaving a young wife and two small children. At the request of his wife, he was buried in the family cemetery near her father's house, four miles north of Hughes Springs. Rev. W. T. Stokes, our pastor at Hughes Springs had charge of and conducted the funeral services.

Through the entire year evident tokens of the abiding presence of Father, Son and Holy Spirit in the churches of the District has been enjoyed; pastors and people have experienced gracious bestowments of Divine power in their devotion and labors.

Successful revivals have been held on almost every charge, the pastors in most instances being their own evangelists; their reports to me indicate that they have witnessed the salvation of more than seven hundred and fifty souls.

Opportunity to enter new territory has come to several of our pastors, from Alvin, Deadwood, Rock Hill, Sabine and Texas City the pastors have gone out into needy fields and are doing an appreciated work. Some other pastors have seen open doors, but with hands already full, did not enter.

Substantial material improvements have been made on a number of our charges; on the Hughes Springs charge, the Morris Grove church has been wrecked and is being moved to a new and more central location, and the parsonage at Hughes Springs has been re-papered and painted, for the work done on the parsonage, the pastor's wife is due much credit.

At Lyford a large cistern has been put down and the parsonage yard has been graded and set to Bermuda grass; the pastor, more than any one else knows how these things were accomplished.

Work on the Marshall parsonage to the extent of about fifty dollars gives it an attractive interior and puts a new roof on one of the porches.

At Deadwood a new barn has been built and a well put down at the parsonage.

The parsonage at Texas City is better by seventy-five dollars than it was a year ago.

Alvin, Atlanta, Houston Heights, Noonday and Harleton are among the charges which have improved their properties and added to the comfort of their people.

A new church building enterprise was launched on the day of their fourth Quarterly Conference at Louts, on the Sabine charge.

The year has passed with but few changes so far as pastoral supply is concerned. Immediately after the death of Bro. H. L. Ellington, I wrote Brothers W. T. Stokes and J. H. Beadle, whose works were within driving distance of the Ore City Circuit appointments, asking Bro. Stokes to serve one of the churches and Bro. Beadle to

serve the others, which they did. This arrangement continued through the year.

In September, Rev. Carles L. Elliott was transferred to the Missouri Conference and stationed at Granger. This left Alvin without a pastor, but not stranded; they had made a preacher in 1915, and in the last Quarterly Conference in 1916, recommended him for reception on trial in the Annual Conference; so they said to the District Superintendent that the man they would have serve others might serve them, whereupon I placed Rev. Oscar J. Ackerman in charge, and he has made good.

Aldine was served the first eleven months by Rev. E. W. Osburn, a retired member of the Missouri Conference. In October he secured an appointment in the St. Louis Conference, and Rev. C. W. Rodgers, a member of the Upper Iowa Conference closed the year.

The Conference has lost from the Texas District this year, three effective Elders: Bro. C. L. Elliott, already mentioned as transferred; Bro. J. H. Beadle, who was transferred to the Southwest Kansas Conference, and stationed at Anson; and Bro. R. R. Smith, who surrendered his credentials and has joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

The Sunday School and Epworth League Work on the District is in an encouraging condition; the attendance and interest in both organizations has been increased, in some instances the capacity of our churches has been exceeded by the Sunday schools. During the last days of June and the first of July an Epworth League Institute was held at La Porte, the program provided was helpful and inspiring and the social features of the occasion brought our young people into closer touch and greater sympathy with each other in the league work.

Passion Week, was observed by several of our churches, and a few very substantial Easter offerings were taken.

Though a considerable portion of the District (the Gulf Coast Section) has not yet recovered from the destruction wrought by the storm of August 16, 1915, we will make a very creditable showing on Benevolences and Ministerial support.

Serious illness has been experienced by Sister F. M. Simpson, wife of our pastor at Texas City, Sister T. M. Ransom, wife of the South Houston pastor, and Sister T. J. Shrode, wife of our pastor at Houston Heights, the latter having undergone a major operation; all are convalescent. Saturday morning, December 2nd, Rev. Guy W. Holmes, our pastor at Lyford, received a telegram announcing the very serious illness of his father, in Upland, Ind., and requesting him to come at once. Bro. Holmes called on me in Houston and asked permission to go, which I granted.

Personally, I have tried to do my duty; I have insisted upon every church and parsonage being insured; on every benevolent claim being

properly presented; on every charge adopting and carrying into effect the "Disciplinary Plan" of raising all claims; on a church paper being in the home of every official member, at least; I have given my entire time and energy to the work. I have missed but one appointment, and on almost every charge, have held four Quarterly Conferences, have traveled over eleven thousand miles and have not been off the District over three hours during the year.

The year has not been one of deepest solicitude for the church and churches only, but for my brethren, the pastors, and for their dear wives and children, also. From the day I arrived in Houston, December 18th, beginning with Bro. T. J. Shrode and family, each and all have seemed to vie with each other in extending to me a most cordial welcome and in providing most completely for my comfort while with them. My labor with them has been a delight and my fellowship refreshing.

In the name of the Giver of all blessings, whom we serve and whose we are, I respectfully submit this report.

LEWIS E. GOWER, Superintendent.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

This is a day that witnesses a wide spread in various kinds of literature, which indicates that there is to be found a reading public. We are painfully aware that there often appears a kind of literature which lends no inspiration to its multitudes of readers nor guides the thought to decide rightly the great issues of life. The danger of such a situation can readily be seen; viz: A great ignorance on the part of the people concerning the vital truths of the Word of God as found in the Bible.

In order to offset this widespread ignorance of the Bible there must be a greater circulation of the Holy Scriptures among the people.

Therefore, we earnestly recommend that all our preachers give their heartiest support to the American Bible Society in its efforts to circulate the Bible among the people.

R. R. ELLIS, Chairman

W. I. GATES

L. B. BOICOURT

AUDITING ACCOUNTS

We, your committee, have examined the records of the Conference Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension and find them to be correct. All money received has been accounted for. We commend Mrs. Mabel King Kelly for the manner in which the records are kept.

The records of the Secretary of the Conference have been audited and found correct.

HAUGHTON K. FAULK
E. N. HARDIN
W. R. NEWTON

BOOK CONCERN.

We recommend a lively patronage of our Book Concern publications.

We are grateful for the dividend which comes to this Conference for the retired ministers, but regret that financial conditions of the country have necessitated a decrease of \$150 from this source this year, and we further regret that the new method of distribution to the several conferences will bring a further decrease next year of nearly \$400, as compared with last year.

We advise the members of the Conference vigorously to present the church periodicals to their respective congregations and we especially recommend the Central Christian Advocate.

H. C. LEONARD, Chairman
C. A. PERKINS, Secretary
J. W. HERVEY

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

1. The Children's Day Collection which has aided from the beginning, 23,386 students—2,189 last year, and this year 2,288—is more helpful and efficient than ever before. This collection is not yet large enough to meet the demands. We earnestly request the pastors to emphasize this collection.

2. We endorse and commend the appointment of a religious worker to serve our own schools and the tax-supported institutions, when and where requested.

3. The Education Jubilee of our Church is worthy the devout support and co-operation of all our people. It means better kept grounds, better buildings and equipment, strengthened faculties, enriched curricula, and greatly increased endowments.

4. The one Public Educational Collection, 80 per cent at the order of the Annual Conference and 20 per cent for the Board of Education, authorized by the General Conference of 1912, and continued by the General Conference of 1916, we commend as a fortunate provision in that it calls for one collection instead of two.

5. Now that the General Conference has provided that our Board of Education undertake to help care for the the religious work in tax-supported institutions, the demands upon the Board's treasury are nearly doubled. Clearly it should have its full 20 per cent of the

amount apportioned to our Conference for the one Public Educational Collection by the Committee of Finance. Whatever we may raise by that apportionment is ours as the Board of Education declines to accept any portion of any and all excess. We recommend that the Board of Education in no case be expected to undertake this additional responsibility until the scholastic year of 1917-1918, and then only as helper.

6. While we anticipate helpful results from the joint effort of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension and the Board of Education, it is evident that much of this responsibility must continue with the local constituents of this work.

7. We congratulate the Board of Education upon the Christian Student, so much in favor with educators of many denominations. Its superior excellence commends it to us and to our people.

8. We rejoice in the continued prosperity of Port Arthur College, as reported by President A. J. Price. We congratulate President Price on his splendid administration, and recommend the courses of this splendid institution to the young people of our Charges throughout the Conference.

9. We submit for the approval of this Conference the following names as Trustees of Port Arthur College: W. E. Cline, A. J. Price, W. McDaniel, J. A. Carruth, G. H. Eubank, Henry Walton, Harvey Marshall. These are to serve three years.

HAUGHTON K. FAULK, Chairman

H. C. LEONARD, Secretary

THOS. E. WEBB

A. J. PRICE

T. J. SHRODE

Adopted December 9, 1916.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Believing the Epworth League to be one of the mighty forces of the Methodist Episcopal Church for the development of the intellect and the broadening and deepening of the spiritual life of our young people, thereby offering them the most efficient preparation for holy living and most effective Christian service: Therefore we urge every District Superintendent and pastor to insist upon the organization and the maintenance of a chapter in every charge.

And furthermore, we most heartily commend the Epworth Herald to every Epworthian as his most helpful paper.

E. N. HARDIN

R. L. WELDON

R. T. PYNES

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We note with thanksgiving the advance in missionary enterprises and increase in gifts and money to the establishment of the Redeemer's Kingdom in our mission fields. We are inspired to greater loyalty and heroism of the tens of thousands who are yielding their souls and lives to the Prince of Peace. We rejoice in the awakening of our people and the broadening of their vision to the great opportunities for the expansion of God's Kingdom in all lands.

We regret the serious hindrance and loss to our work in the countries involved in the awful war now raging and pray most earnestly that lasting peace will soon be established, and that the Lord may cause even the wrath of men to praise Him.

We would urge our people to greater consecration to this greatest of all causes—the maintenance and extension of the gospel of Jesus Christ—and we pledge our best energies, our most generous gifts to all missionary enterprises.

It is with thanksgiving that we welcome our dear Brother and Sister J. D. Pointer back to one of our Conference sessions. Our hearts have been stirred to their depths by their addresses. We would recommend to all our pastor., fidelity to the advance methods proposed and adopted by our leaders to disseminate missionary information and increase the offerings to the treasury.

We also recommend that every pastor make the strongest possible effort to follow the Discipline in regard to missionary instruction and offerings in the Sunday school.

We further recommend that a Missionary Secretary be appointed by the District Superintendent in each District to assist in Missionary education.

Signed by

O. B. MORRIS

R. G. SWANSON

R. T. PYNES.

HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION.

The Gulf Conference regards the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension one of the most important Boards of our great church.

We note with gratification the interest which this Board is taking in the work of the Gulf Conference, for without this assistance given the Kingdom would suffer in this territory.

Our church has a fruitful field in the Gulf Conference, and if for no higher motive than for self preservation every pastor should make a special effort to raise every dollar apportioned to his charge for the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

G. B. HINES

E. N. HARDIN.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We hail with gladness the work that is being done and the results obtained through the literature that has and is now being published by our Sunday School Board, which has not only given the broadest and plainest methods for the study of the Bible in its international lessons, but has also introduced the greatest system for efficiency in Sunday school work through its Graded Lessons.

We therefore recommend the use of our literature in all of our Sunday schools and as far as practical the use of the Graded Lessons.

We also urge the pastors to organize the Sunday schools into Temperance and Missionary societies, following the direction of the Discipline.

And whereas, in view of the fact that there is a custom in our city and country Sunday schools of pupils going away and not staying for the preaching services; and

Whereas, statistics show that the majority of those who are converted are converted in childhood; and

Whereas, this custom means the depopulation of the church in coming years; be it

Resolved, That we, the preachers of the Gulf Conference, take such methods as can be used best to correct this practice, impressing upon parents the necessity of such correction.

F. M. SIMPSON

W. T. STOKES

H. C. LEONARD

H. K. FAULK

THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

We rejoice in the growth of our great church during the last quadrennium. The people are hungry for the old Gospel. We are on the upgrade. The evidences of deep spiritual awakenings are to be seen among us.

Notwithstanding the growth of our church as a whole, we, your committee beg leave to remind the brethren of the Gulf Conference of the stubborn fact that the charges within our bounds have not shown as marked increase as we have a right to expect.

We wish to sound the "call to arms" and bow before God, and thus prepare to do the work of men who are under His direction.

R. T. PYNES

C. A. PERKINS

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The Methodist Episcopal Church has declared war on the licensed saloon, and she will never put up the sword until this enemy of God and man is destroyed.

At no time in the history of the United States has the prospect for a dry America been so bright as now.

Recent successes of the prohibition forces have set the country on fire with determined zeal for a saloonless nation. On November 7th, four states were made dry by direct vote: Michigan, Montana, Nebraska and South Dakota and the Territory of Alaska. Florida and Utah have each elected dry legislatures and prohibition governors and will close their saloons in the Spring. There are now 23 dry states and 2,300 dry counties out of a total of 2953 in the nation. Texas will vote on state-wide prohibition in 1917 and we believe she will go dry.

Louisiana is the most tardy of the Southern states. There are 34 dry parishes, 22 wet and 8 partly dry. About 65 per cent of our territory and 47 per cent of our population is dry. We need a constant campaign of education. Our people need to be taught the dangers of alcoholic liquor drinking. We need also a law compelling police juries to grant a vote on petition of one-third of the voters, and a law enlarging the unit of election from the parish to the congressional district.

We put ourselves on record as highly favoring submission of the question of the Constitutional Amendment to the states, providing for national prohibition.

We believe that if every Christian patriot throughout the domain will do his duty NOW the present congress can be induced to submit national-wide prohibition to the states.

We heartily favor the work of our Church Temperance Society, the Anti-Saloon League, the W. C. T. U. and organizations with similar purpose.

S. H. YOCKEY, Chairman.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE BOARD OF STEWARDS.

Receipts for Annuity Fund.

Book Concern Dividend	\$ 481.00
Chartered Fund Dividend	300.00
For Support of Conference Claimants from the Conference..	453.70
Income from Conference Annuity Investments.....	47.60
Income from Bequests made for Annuity Distribution.....	34.48
Amount Collected at Conference	50.00
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Total amount for Necessitous Distribution.....	581.00

Amount of 5 per cent to the Board..... 22.68

To be distributed\$1,348.10

Annuity legal rate\$10.00

Annuity actually paid..... 7.00

Total amount paid this year as Annuities, based on service...\$ 763.00

Total amount for Necessitous Distribution..... 580.00

Grand Total for Distribution.....\$1,344.00

After careful consideration of these claims the Board of Stewards made the following distribution:

Lively, J. W. ....Annuity	\$105	Necessitous	\$ 92	Total	\$197
Sayers, N. L. ....Annuity	119	Necessitous	61	Total	180
Van Valkenburg, F. D. Annuity	84	Necessitous	88	Total	172
Woodson, Julian ....Annuity	77	Necessitous	164	Total	241
Chaney, Mrs. P. C.	77	Necessitous		Total	77
Ferguson, Mrs. E. A.	14	Necessitous	86	Total	100
James, Mrs. J. T.	70	Necessitous	90	Total	160
King, Mrs. C. A.	168	Necessitous		Total	168
Ferguson Children	21	Necessitous		Total	21
Bolton Children	28	Necessitous		Total	28

J. W. HERVEY, Secretary

J. A. CARRUTH, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.

Permanent fund, to the Annual Conference held at DeRidder, La., December 7-10, 1916.

Amount on hand and reported to last Conference.....\$540.30

Amount received during the year—

From Rev. N. L. Sayers, Agent.....\$114.00

From other sources..... 7.70

From interest 47.60

Total receipts\$169.30

Disbursements—

To Treasurer Board of Conference Stewards.... 47.60

Amount on hand from year's receipts 121.70

Total now on hand and invested \$662.00

J. A. CARRUTH, Treasurer.

Hand C.P. 300
350
300
414

1915
1916
631
487
367

RECOMMENDATION.

We, the Conference Board of Stewards, recommend that the sum of \$500 be raised next year for our Conference Claimants Permanent Fund, and that the same be apportioned to the Charges by the District Superintendents. It is further recommended that Rev. N. L. Sayers be Corresponding Secretary in Louisiana and Mississippi and that Rev. J. W. Lively be made the Corresponding Secretary in Texas, subject to the call of the pastors. Signed by Board of Stewards.

Adopted December 10, 1916.

RESOLUTIONS.

TITHING.

WHEREAS, We believe that the Word of God, the Old Testament plainly teaches that one-tenth of our income belongs to the Lord, and nowhere in the New Testament can there be found anything contrary to this teaching, that would indicate a less amount, and

WHEREAS, Our Discipline also teaches the duty of tithing as Scriptural—paragraph 70—and

WHEREAS, The pressing needs of our Church, here and elsewhere, are such as we feel that this should be the least proportionate of our financial plan of systematic giving.

That we join ourselves together in a league, pledging ourselves to appropriate this tithe first to the financial obligations of our respective charges, until all such obligations have been fully met.

That we will begin a campaign on the tithe method among our people and will seek to organize tithing bands in all of our churches.

HOLINESS.

WHEREAS, Our Discipline says: "In 1792 two young men in England, reading the Bible say they could not be saved without holiness, followed after it and invited others to do so. In 1737 they saw likewise, that men are justified before they are Sanctified," and

WHEREAS, All our books on doctrine in our course of study for young preachers teach this Bible truth of entire Sanctification clearly and emphatically; and

WHEREAS, "Our Church is the only Church in history from Apostolic times until now that has put forward as its very element thought the great all-pervading central idea of the whole Book of God from the beginning to the end, the holiness of the human heart, soul, mind and will;" and,

WHEREAS, Our Church has always been loyal to this grand Deposition of Methodism. Therefore be it

RESOLVED, by the members of the Gulf Conference in Session at Port Arthur, that we affirm our faith and confidence in the Methodist Episcopal Church in her loyalty to the doctrine of holiness and in her attitude towards those seeking the Higher Life, and be it further

RESOLVED, That we invite the co-operation of all those who love the church and hold this Truth in Wisdom and Love to unite with us in "Spreading Scriptural Holiness over these lands."

RESOLUTION ON UNION.

We constantly rejoice in the increased fellowship and co-operation of the followers of the Christ. We hail with deep joy and much satisfaction the bright prospect of Organic Union with our sister denomination, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

We are in hearty accord with the action of our General Conference, taken at Saratoga Springs last May in favor of Church Unity.

We favor and earnestly pray for the complete organic union of all Methodist bodies in accordance with the plan of our last General Conference.

F. W. LOY.

Adopted December 8, 1916.

RESOLUTION ON UNITING THE GULF AND SOUTHERN GERMAN CONFERENCES.

Whereas, the Southern German Conference and the Gulf Conference are practically included in the same territory; Therefore

Resolved, That we ask our brethren of the German Conference to consider with us the advisability of uniting the two Conferences into one corporate body.

(Signed)

J. A. CARRUTH

L. E. GOWER

F. W. LOY

Adopted December 9, 1916.

RESOLUTIONS.

We desire to express our joy in having Bishop William O. Shepard to preside in our Conference. We were inspired by his lecture, "The Joy of Life," and have been greatly helped by the keen and stimulating addresses he has given at the morning hour and by his sermon on Sunday and shall ever remember his earnest call to the Greatest Work of a preacher at the consecration service on Sunday afternoon. We appreciate his fair and impartial conduct as presiding officer and his brotherly spirit in all his relations with us.

We wish to thank Brother T. E. Webb and those assisting him for their addresses at the evangelistic services.

We wish also to express our appreciation of the assistance of Mrs. O. B. Morris, Prof. C. W. James, Mr. J. W. Davis and Miss Coward in furnishing us music for the Conference.

We record with delight our appreciation of the hospitality of the good people of DeRidder. Under the leadership of our big hearted and efficient brother, E. N. Hardin, everything possible has been done for our convenience. We wish also to mention the royal welcome extended to us by the Mayor, Hon. C. C. Davis and the Rev. C. P. Roney. We wish also to express our gratitude to the membership and friends of our church as well as the members of our sister churches who have opened their homes so royally to us. We would likewise remember the First National Bank of DeRidder, Sheriff W. A. Martin and Mr. J. H. Cain at the court house for their courtesies.

We also note with gratitude the interest of the New Orleans Times-Picayune, in sending their efficient reporter to our Conference, Mr. H. H. Ahrens, and thank him for his work. Also to thank the DeRidder Enterprise for their reports.

We note with sincere gratitude the interest of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension in our Conference and listened with much profit to the inspiring address of Dr. D. D. Forsythe.

We wish also to register our pleasure and profit in having Dr. O. S. Baktel of New York present at our conference and thank him for his advice on various subjects.

Again we think it just and right that our efficient Officers such as Secretary, Statistician and Treasurer and their assistants should receive mention for their painstaking and untiring services.

H. K. FAULK

H. C. LEONARD

O. B. MORRIS

RESOLUTION ON FRENCH WORK.

Whereas, we understand something of the needs and the great opportunities for more extensive and intensive work among our French speaking countrymen, who are truly American in Southern Louisiana; and

Whereas, Dr. Forsythe has asked that all the information relative to the work that can be obtained be collected and submitted to the Home Mission Office;

Therefore, we, the undersigned, respectfully request that definite action be taken by this Conference and if thought best instruct the Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension to meet at the earliest possible date and plan, then carry out a good survey of

the field and the possibilities and needs of the French work. And to report this survey to the Home Office at Philadelphia as soon as made.

Respectfully submitted,

L. B. BOICOURT

W. B. HEBERT

W. R. NEWTON

Adopted December 9, 1916.

PLAN OF CONFERENCE EXAMINATIONS.

Board of Examiners.

HAUGHTON K. FAULK.....Chairman
THOMAS E. WEBB.....Registrar
R. L. WELDON, H. C. LEONARD, G. B. HINES, J. W. HERVEY,
T. J. SHRODE.

Admission on Trial.

1. English Branches—

(a) The Art of Writing English. —

(b) All papers submitted shall be examined and marked with reference to the use of English.....H. C. Leonard

2. American History.....J. W. Hervey

3. Doctrines and Discipline, 1916.....G. B. Hines

4. Life of John Wesley.....R. L. Weldon

5. Plain Account of Christian Perfection.....Thos. E. Webb

6. Paper of 1,000 words on Life of Moses, David, Jesus or Paul....

.....Haughton K. Faulk

(The matter for this essay must be found in the Bible.)

7. Sermon.....T. J. Shrode

8. Directions and Helps for Admission.....T. J. Shrode

First Year.

1. New Testament History.....H. C. Leonard —

2. Human Behavior.....R. L. Weldon

3. The Making of the Sermon.....J. W. Hervey

4. How to Study and Teaching How to Study....Haughton K. Faulk

5. Directions and Helps for First Year.....T. J. Shrode

Second Year.

1. (a) Dictionary of the Bible —

(b) The Bible in the Making —

(c) How We Got Our Bible.....H. C. Leonard —

2. A Short History of the Christian Church.....Thos E. Webb

3. (a) The Pupil and the Teacher

(b) The Graded Sunday School in Principle and Practice

.....J. W. Hervey

4. The Way to Win.....G. B. Hines

5. Directions and Helps for Second Year.....T. J. Shrode

Third Year.

1. Beacon Lights of Prophecy-----Thos. E. Webb
2. Foundations of Christian Belief-----R. L. Weldon
3. (a) The Social Problem
 (b) Social Institutions and Ideals of the Bible-----G. B. Hines
4. Introduction to the Study of Comparative Religions---H. K. Faulk
5. Directions and Helps for Third Year-----H. C. Leonard

Fourth Year.

1. Paul and his Epistles-----J. W. Hervey
2. System of Christian Doctrine-----Thos. E. Webb
3. Everyday Ethics-----Haughton K. Faulk
4. (a) The New Home Missions
 (b) Social Aspects of Foreign Missions-----R. L. Weldon
5. Directions and Helps for the Fourth Year-----G. B. Hines
 (For titles of books and for collateral reading and other information as to the Course, see Discipline, 1916.)

Rules of Examination.

1. List of questions shall be prepared by appointed Examiner, endorsed with the title of the text book, name and address of Examiner and sent to Chairman for filing. (See Discipline, 1916.)

2. Each examiner shall retain one copy of each set of his own questions.

3. Each examiner shall send all grades promptly to Registrar for recording.

4. If student wants grade, he shall enclose with his paper a self-addressed stamped envelope.

5. Each student is required to give to Registrar written statement that he has read all books required in the course of study.

6. All essays and sermons shall be in the hands of examiners thirty days before Conference.

7. There will be one mid-year examination, which shall be held at the seat and time of the District Conference for each District.

8. Each examiner shall prepare typewritten questions, in good form on books appointed him.

HAUGHTON K. FAULK, Chairman, Litcher, La.

T. E. WEBB, Registrar, Jennings, La.

IN MEMORY OF H. L. ELLINGTON, Local Preacher.

Silently but surely the years go from us never to return, and often they leave in their wake sorrow and tears. As they pass they number the days of short lives and bear us to the dark silent river where good byes are spoken and burdens are laid down. In these short passing years we sing our song, form our social and kindred ties, fight our battles and win our crowns.

Twelve months ago we were favored with the presence and brotherly greeting of our friend and brother, H. L. Ellington; today, we meet with bowed heads and sorrowing hearts to pay tribute to his memory.

Harland L. Ellington was born in Shelbyville, Texas, July 27th, 1888. He was converted November 1st, 1906 at the old home in Shelbyville. He was licensed to preach April 10th, 1909, and served as pastor, Winnsboro Circuit, 1913, and Lufkin Circuit, 1914 and 1915. At the time of his death he was pastor of the Ore City Circuit. He was married to Miss Clara Collins of Hughes Springs, Texas, November 29th, 1913. To this union were born two children, a girl and a boy.

His success as a preacher is a shining example of what faith in God and determination will do. So steady was his advancement, so marked was his fitness for the places assigned him that many who knew him intimately, felt sure that he would guard with pious care every trust committed to his keeping.

Viewing it from a human standpoint, such a life was all together too short. A noble life well lived has closed; a good fight well fought has ended; a glorious crown well earned has been bestowed and his precious memory still abides.

He died at Coffeerville, Texas, March 13, 1916, and was buried at the Holly Springs Cemetery, Rev. W. T. Stokes officiating at the funeral. His body awaits the morning of the first resurrection.

R. T. PYNE.

IN MEMORIAM

ROLL OF OUR HONORED DEAD.

**"They rest from their labors and
their works do follow them."**

Members of Conference.

WALTER ZIMMERMAN

IRA N. PARDEE

P. C. CHANEY

WILLIAM F. BOLTON

JOHN T. JAMES

H. G. BREED

THOMAS WILSON

CYRUS A. KING

MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS.

New Orleans District.

The District	\$ 300.00
Auburn and Smithdale	200.00
Gloster	100.00
Hammond	100.00
Loranger	100.00
New Orleans—	
First Italian Church	650.00
St. Charles Ave.	400.00
Total	<u>\$1,850.00</u>

Southern District.

The District	\$ 450.00
Bayou Chene	240.00
Crowley	200.00
De Ridder	200.00
De Quincey	200.00
Dry Prong	150.00
Ebenezer	235.00
Elton and Raymond	100.00
French Mission and Sweet Lake	200.00
Florine and Neame	50.00
Gueydan	100.00
Hico	50.00
Iowa	100.00
Kinder and Basile	250.00
Marthaville	200.00
Total	<u>\$2,725.00</u>

Texas District.

The District	\$ 400.00
Alvin	100.00
Arcadia and Pearland	150.00
Atlanta and Jefferson	150.00
Deadwood and Bethel	50.00
Hughes Springs and Winnsboro	200.00
La Porte	150.00
Lufkin Circuit	100.00
Lyford	100.00
Marshall	50.00
Noonday and Harleton	100.00
Ore City Circuit	100.00
Polk Circuit	100.00

Rock Hill -----	150.00
Sabine -----	200.00
San Antonio -----	100.00
Shelbyville, Center and Overton -----	100.00
South Houston and Aldine -----	100.00
Texas City -----	100.00
Woodville Circuit -----	125.00
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Total -----	\$2,575.00
Grand Total -----	\$7,150.00

Conference Sessions.

GULF MISSION.

Year	Time	Place	Bishop	Secretary
1893	Jan. 19	Jennings, La.	E. C. Andrews	C. K. Woodson
1894	Jan. 25	Lake Charles, La.	J. M. Walden	C. K. Woodson
1895	Jan. 24	Growley, La.	Thos. Bowman	C. K. Woodson
1896	Jan. 23	Jennings, La.	J. N. Fitzgeralds	C. K. Woodson

GULF MISSION CONFERENCE.

1897	Jan. 21	Jennings, La.	J. M. Walden	C. K. Woodson
1898	Feb. 3	Crowley, La.	W. X. Ninde	C. K. Woodson
1899	Feb. 2	Lake Charles, La.	S. M. Merrill	C. K. Woodson
1900	Feb. 1	Marshall, Tex.	I. W. Joice	L. W. Elkins
1901	Jan. 17	Jennings, La.	H. W. Warren	C. W. Campbell
1902	Jan. 30	Lake Charles, La.	C. D. Foss	C. W. Campbell
1903	Feb. 3	Port Arthur, Tex.	W. F. Mallalieu	C. C. Morris

GULF ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

1904	Feb. 4	Hughes Springs, Tex.	W. F. Mallalieu	John Paul
1905	Feb. 2	Gloster, Miss.	H. Spellmeyer	F. F. Fitch
1905	Dec. 1	Welsh, La.	L. B. Wilson	W. E. Harrison
1906	Nov. 15	Marshall, Tex.	L. B. Wilson	J. R. Basket
1907	Dec. 16	Jennings, La.	William Burt	J. R. Basket
1908	Dec. 17	Lake Charles, La.	W. A. Quayle	J. R. Basket
1909	Dec. 16	Port Arthur, Tex.	T. B. Neely	J. R. Basket
1910	Dec. 15	Welsh, La.	T. B. Neely	H. H. McCain
1911	Dec. 13	Marshall, Tex.	T. B. Neely	H. H. McCain
1912	Dec. 19	Port Arthur, Tex.	W. P. Thirkield	H. H. McCain
1913	Dec. 4	Woodville, Tex.	W. P. Thirkield	H. H. McCain
1914	Dec. 2	Jennings, La.	W. P. Thirkield	H. H. McCain
1915	Dec. 1	Port Arthur, Tex.	W. P. Thirkield	H. H. McCain
1916	Dec. 7	De Ridder, La.	W. O. Shepard	J. W. Hervey

. . Miscellaneous . .

Apportionment—Board of Conference Claimants Made by Commission on Finance.

Apportionment for Conferencee.....		\$ 68.00
New Orleans District.....	\$ 8.00	
Southern District.....	28.00	
Texas District.....	32.00	
Total.....		\$ 68.00

Episcopal Fund.

To the Conference.....		\$486.00
New Orleans District.....	\$ 86.00	
Southern District.....	200.00	
Texas District.....	200.00	
Total.....		\$486.00

Written Answers.

Are you in debt so as to embarrass you in the work of the ministry?

Answer—No.

Signed: KENNETH C. MINTER,
P. E. VAUGHAN.

Will you wholly abstain from the use of tobacco?

Answer—Yes.

Signed: KENNETH C. MINTER,
P. E. VAUGHAN.

December 9, 1916.

.. Historical ..

Our Missionary.

J. D. POINTER, the representative of our Gulf Conference in Portuguese, East Africa, is Superintendent of the Limpopo District. This is a large district and has a population of about 400,000. He is the only Evangelical Protestant Missionary living in that district, and is under God responsible for the salvation of these souls. He has under him twenty-nine pastor-teachers, and he needs support for fifteen more. Hundreds of converts are begging for baptism, but must wait until support is found to give them pastors and teachers. Sixty dollars a year will support one of these pastor-teachers who will lead scores of heathens to Jesus.

Among the baptized Christians are hundreds of bright boys and girls who are begging for Christian education, but must wait until \$20.00 a year each is found to support them in school.

This man is yet without a home to live in on his district. Two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) will build a comfortable house, and screen it, and enable him to have his wife and children there.

He also needs money for a church and school building, combined, and other equipments, which would enable him to create a Christian center for the training of native Christians.

As a Methodist Missionary, he has carried the gospel light into the dense darkness of heathenism and superstition. He has travelled thousands of miles on donkeys, and for months at a time has been where he could see no white face. Faithful natives guided him through the great forests, dense jungles and over mountain passes. Their one request when he left on furlough, was, that he should return to Africa, bringing more missionaries with him.

Mr. Pointer is on fire with zeal for the salvation of the "Dark Continent."

Widows of Deceased Members.

MRS. P. C. CHANEY

MRS. E. A. FERGUSON

MRS. J. T. JAMES

MRS. C. A. KING

FORMER MEMBERS.

Lincoln F. Abernathy
W. H. Cline
P. A. Drown
Cyrus A. King
J. W. Mougey
P. J. Robidoux
Logan Rogers
Asbury Wilkinson
Chas. K. Woodson
P. C. Chaney
R. J. Crawford
S. E. Pendleton
E. L. Wells
J. W. Bain
John H. Burger
Ira N. Pardee
Charles H. Westfall
Francis J. Browning
C. H. Harris
G. A. Pegram
J. W. Tinnin
James A. Christian
C. W. Coons
H. R. Osborne
James R. Basket
B. W. Hugg
Louis May
I. J. Coppedge
B. F. Deaton
F. F. Fitch
Arthur McFarland
A. E. Ryan
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E. A. Ferguson
H. A. Maples
Francis G. Watkins
Francisco Zito
J. H. Beadle
G. B. Miner
C. C. Beasley
A. L. Harper
Peter Parker
H. S. White
C. C. Streubing

R. T. Hodgson
Walter Zimmerman
J. G. Campbell
Lastie Hoffpauir
C. E. Mock
Patrick H. Sanders
Thos. Wilson
C. P. W. Wimberly
E. L. Ashmare
C. W. Campbell
L. W. Elkins
Henry H. McCain
John Paul
H. G. Scudday
John T. James
H. O. Moore
Jean La Grone
W. R. Chase
M. C. Hickman
C. C. Morris
J. W. La Grone
William Laymance
Thomas F. Swanson
Corwin Taylor
W. J. Wood
E. R. Houck
J. W. Niell
C. F. Hunter
Charles M. Brown
Cuthbert L. Elliott
Charles L. Elliott
J. W. Faulk
J. A. Webb
Guitano Vital
W. F. Bolton
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J. C. Duplantis
S. W. Edwards
Daniel Hayes
R. O. McCluer
N. T. Shows
Alexander McDow
B. T. Bell
J. M. Bennington
O. P. Wright
G. W. Rockhold
W. S. Franklin

STATISTICAL TABLES
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F. M. SIMPSON, Statistician.

F. J. ENSIGN, Treasurer.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS, NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT, GULF CONFERENCE, FOR 1916

Auburn, Miss.....	3	15	125	.....	143	.....	.....	.....	38	.....	1	.....
Gloster, Miss.....	3	15	125	.....	143	.....	.....	.....	38	.....	.....	.....
Hammond, La.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lutcher, La.....	1	12	100	35	10	157	71	12	50	.....	.....	4
Loranger, La.....	1	12	118	.....	.....	130	94	9	40	1	.....	11
New Orleans, St. Charles Ave.	1	6	54	.....	.....	60	30	6	30	.....	.....	32
New Orleans, First Italian.....	1	5	65	10	3	83	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....
TOTAL.....	10	65	587	45	13	716	195	32	120	1	246	12

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS, SOUTHERN DISTRICT, GULF CONFERENCE, FOR 1916

Bayou Chene	3	22	280	8	93	385	95	22	.....	2	.....	2	.....	4	.....
Basile	1	6	62	.....	.....	68	55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Crowley	1	10	50	10	10	80	30	10	5	3	.....	1	.....	.....	1
DeRidder	1	14	165	15	20	214	70	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
DeQuincy	1	13	100	18	20	151	61	6	25	2	.....	1	.....	2	2
Dry Prong	2	12	80	.....	.....	80	25	8	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Ebenezer	1	15	118	9	10	152	65	14	8	10	.....	2	.....	.....	2
Elton	1	8	60	.....	17	85	40	7	35	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	1
French Mission and Sweet Lake	1	7	39	.....	.....	46	28	4	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
Florien and Neame .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gueydan	1	9	40	.....	5	45	22	9	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	1
Hico	1	10	28	.....	.....	38	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Iowa	3	20	175	.....	25	200	50	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	.....
Jennings	1	23	121	20	6	170	81	23	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	23
Kinder and Oakdale	1	16	140	5	10	140	80	14	45	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
Lake Charles	1	27	252	60	26	338	.....	26	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	15	14
Marthaville	2	10	65	.....	.....	75	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Port Arthur	1	20	280	.....	60	308	130	16	90	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	5
Vivian .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Welsh	1	35	213	55	25	323	140	30	160	15	.....	16	.....	10	6
Winfield .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
TOTAL.....	24	277	2218	200	310	2903	1047	223	409	37	1155	33	21	52	20

* Follow headings on page above

STATISTICS, TEXAS DISTRICT, GULF CONFERENCE, FOR 1916

NAME OF CHARGE		MINISTERIAL SUPPORT										SUNDAY SCHOOLS		BAPTISMS			
NAME OF PASTOR		Support of Pastor			Sup. of Bishops		Sup. of C. Claimants		Total Paid for Ministerial Support	Total Deficiency	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Total Enrollment in all Dep'ts.	Adults Baptized	Children Baptized	Baptized Children Who are Under Instruction as Probationers	
		Total Claims Inc. House Rent	Total Paid Inc. House Rent	Rental Value of Parsonage	Deficiency	Claim	Paid	Claim									Paid
Aldine	E. W. Osburn.	800	139	80	8	10	10	10	865	43	1	22	132	4	4	11	
Alvin	O. J. Ackerman.	766	766	150	34	75	12	16	16	16	14	130	4				
Arcadia and Pearlband.	A. L. Jones.	550	488	55	62	55	8	8	562	62	2	18	113	3			
Atlanta, Jefferson & Overton	G. L. Harper.	550	600	100	57	57	9	9	676								
Austin, Hyde Park.	R. T. Pynes.	336	377	36		36	3	3	406		2	16	170	4			
Deadwood and Bethel.	T. M. Ransom.	1180	1180	180	118	118	18	24	1340			25	225				
Houston, College Heights.	W. T. Stokes.	725	660	125	65	64	6	2	737	88	2	16	136				
Hughes Springs & Wimsboro	W. I. Gates.	750	750	150	60	60	11	11	836		1	15	100	7			
La Porte	C. H. LaGrone.	623	538	150	85	60	9	9	619	85	1	8	78				
Lufkin Circuit	Guy W. Holmes.	1200	1200	200	10	100	10	20	1325	10	11	18	160	2	8	3	
Lyford	C. E. Woodson.	497	397	72	50	50	6	6	461	100	2	16	100	5	10	6	
Marshall	J. H. Beadle.	195	45	80	4	4			49		2	6	130	1	3	10	
Noonday and Harleton.	Chas. Richardson.	500	500	100	50	50	3	3	564		1	9	90	10	5	10	
Ore City Circuit.	R. T. Pynes.	560	660	60	56	57	8	8	736		1	8	50	16	2	2	
Polk Circuit	C. A. Perkins.	1460	1460	360	110	110	15	15	1605		1	18	127	6	4		
Rock Hill	H. C. Leonard.	550	475	100	75	55	3	3	544	75	2	15	140	4	5		
Sabine	J. M. Kenna.	150	150	20	20	20	2	1	173	2	1	9	45	18			
San Antonio, Trinity.	T. M. Ransom.	920	1025	200	56	56	8	8	1147		1	18	176	19	1		
San Antonio, Williams Chap.	F. M. Simpson.	560	560						635		3	21	215	8	1		
Shelbyville and Center.	K. C. Minter.																
South Houston.																	
Texas City.																	
Woodville Circuit.																	
TOTAL.		12036	12034	2068	401	1072	1134	145	139	199	225	26	272	2317	102	49	40

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Auburn, Miss.....	350	350	50	50	50	50	3	408	3	15	125	20	5
Gloster, Miss.....	325	325	50	32	32	32	2	372	3	15	125	20	5
Hammond, La.....	450	280	150	170	32	32	3	310	170	1	157	1	18
Lutcher, La.....	1175	1175	120	85	64	64	12	1283	85	12	130	1	2
Loranger, La.....	300	215	85	40	40	40	2	255	1	6	60	3	3
New Orleans, St. Charles Ave.....	700	700	300	40	40	40	2	742	1	5	65	42	34
New Orleans, First Italian.....	3300	3045	670	255	266	266	14	3350	255	10	65	662	42
TOTAL.....													

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Bayou Chene.....	300	73	227	40	12	1	1	6	208	3	22	385	27	8
Basil.....	344	344	150	50	30	5	5	10	374	15	6	68	5	5
Crowley.....	600	600	150	50	50	10	10	10	670	10	10	80	2	3
DeRidder.....	600	475	125	60	50	9	6	12	537	144	14	200	2	3
DeQuincy.....	700	700	100	60	60	8	8	12	780	1	13	151	2	3
Dry Prong.....	265	220	45	40	37	5	2	12	264	58	2	80	3	8
Ebenezer.....	500	500	50	50	50	10	10	10	565	1	8	85	1	15
Elton.....	650	706	75	65	65	9	9	12	782	21	7	46	2	2
French Mission & Sweet Lake.....	440	423	60	50	50	6	4	10	485	1	1	45	1	1
Florien and Neame.....	360	327	60	40	40	5	5	10	382	33	9	38	3	3
Gueydan.....	125	125	30	30	30	2	2	15	160	2	10	200	5	3
Hico.....	585	435	150	52	48	21	12	25	493	64	3	170	5	6
Iowa.....	1440	1440	240	120	120	21	12	25	1597	9	1	140	5	7
Jennings.....	540	651	120	42	42	6	6	10	698	1	27	338	5	7
Kinder and Oakdale.....	1700	1700	300	200	200	23	23	50	1973	2	2	75	4	12
Lake Charles.....	375	165	210	120	120	25	25	30	194	232	1	308	4	12
Marthaville.....	2000	2000	120	120	120	18	18	25	2175	1	35	328	5	10
Port Arthur.....	1200	1200	200	120	120	18	18	25	1362	1	23	2737	27	79
Vivian.....	12724	12084	1415	807	1209	1149	168	137	13589	786	263	2737	27	79
Welsh.....														
Winnfield.....														
TOTAL.....														

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NAME OF CHARGE	DISCIPLINARY BENEVOLENCES										OTHER BENEVOLENCES					OTHER ITEMS												
	MISSIONS			EDUCATION			B. of S.		Conf.	W. H.		Total Disciplinary Benevolences	Methodist Brotherhood Dues	W. C. T. U.	Anti-Saloon League		War Relief	Self-Denial Offering	J. D. Painter Support	McCahee Orphanage	District Supt. Support							
	Board of F. Missions	B. of H'm.M. and C. Ex.	Church	Special Gifts	Sunday Schools	Freedmen's Aid Society	Public Ed'l. Collections	Children's Fund		Conf. Educational Collections	Church											Sunday Schools (Total)	Bd. Conf. Cms. (Chicago)	Annual Conf. Investments	Church Temperance Society	Woman's Foreign Mis. Society	Cash	Supplies	American Bible Society	Deacons Board	Cen. Office Exp. Epworth League
									Board of F. Missions			B. of H'm.M. and C. Ex.	Church	Special Gifts	Sunday Schools		Children's Fund	Conf. Educational Collections	Church	Sunday Schools (Total)	Bd. Conf. Cms. (Chicago)							
Aldine	27	25	5	5	19	6	11	7	6	3	8	23	2	2	4	31	15	10	75	16	10	10	15					
Alvin	28	24	25	25	4	8	5	3	4	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	55	11	8	1	365					
Arcadia and Pearland	25	25	25	25	1	1	4	5	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	55	11	8	1	146					
Atlanta, Jefferson & Overton	25	25	25	25	1	1	4	5	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	55	11	8	1	146					
Austin, Hyde Park	15	5	20	20	3	3	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	36	10	3	2	106					
Deadwood and Bethel	15	5	20	20	3	3	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	36	10	3	2	106					
Houston, College Heights	60	19	52	19	9	17	10	6	4	4	75	1	1	1	1	44	118	24	13	118	24	13	489					
Houston, Houston Heights	60	19	52	19	9	17	10	6	4	4	75	1	1	1	1	44	118	24	13	118	24	13	489					
Hughes Springs & Winnsboro	15	12	12	12	1	1	9	2	4	2	1	1	1	1	1	64	11	2	64	11	2	124						
La Porte	6	17	25	7	1	11	1	4	4	10	1	1	1	1	1	60	5	11	60	5	11	162						
Lufkin Circuit	1	11	2	7	3	4	1	4	4	3	2	2	2	2	2	60	12	9	60	12	9	128						
Lyford	1	11	2	7	3	4	1	4	4	3	2	2	2	2	2	60	12	9	60	12	9	128						
Marshall	15	20	7	6	1	1	2	4	4	3	6	3	3	3	3	100	15	10	100	15	10	218						
Noonday and Harleton	5	5	5	5	1	1	2	4	4	3	6	3	3	3	3	100	15	10	100	15	10	218						
Ore City Circuit	5	5	5	5	1	1	2	4	4	3	6	3	3	3	3	100	15	10	100	15	10	218						
Polk Circuit	12	12	12	12	2	3	3	3	2	10	1	1	1	1	1	50	8	6	50	8	6	78						
Rock Hill	12	12	12	12	2	3	3	3	2	10	1	1	1	1	1	50	8	6	50	8	6	78						
Sabine	24	21	21	21	4	7	7	3	2	11	1	1	1	1	1	50	11	3	50	11	3	110						
San Antonio, Trinity	86	19	77	19	14	26	10	2	11	25	5	52	61	5	27	51	8	110	11	3	3	3						
San Antonio, Williams Chap.	86	19	77	19	14	26	10	2	11	25	5	52	61	5	27	51	8	110	11	3	3	3						
Shelbyville and Center	40	33	33	33	6	11	1	5	5	2	2	2	2	2	2	55	11	3	55	11	3	169						
Shelbyville and Center	40	33	33	33	6	11	1	5	5	2	2	2	2	2	2	55	11	3	55	11	3	169						
South Houston	3	4	4	4	2	5	2	2	7	2	2	2	2	2	2	20	2	1	20	2	1	41						
Texas City	23	22	23	23	2	5	2	2	7	2	2	2	2	2	2	92	15	15	92	15	15	2	235					
Woodville Circuit	47	41	41	41	7	13	5	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	56	11	8	56	11	8	192						
TOTAL	432	20	129	425	5	109	63	131	37	14	37	46	63	27	162	78	61	30	2	15	43	129	15	10112	215	139	8	3533

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Auburn, Miss.	15	10	1	1	1	1	5	1	35	90	5	140
Gloster, Miss.	1	1	2	5	8	1	1	1	32	3	47	
Hammond, La.	15	15	15	5	1	1	1	1	76	64	12	164
Lutcher, La.	15	15	15	5	1	1	1	1	32	12	12	60
Loranger, La.	40	10	14	1	2	100	106	40	2	208		
New Orleans, St. Charles Ave.												
New Orleans, First Italian												
TOTAL	71	10	32	32	1	8	5	1	17	297	19	619

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NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP				EPWORTH LEAGUE		CHURCH PROPERTY										GEN. CON. EXP.				
		Enrolled During Year	Now on Roll	Full Members			Senior Members	Junior Members	Church	Estimated Value	Parsonages	Estimated Value	Paid for Buildings and Improvements on Churches and Parsonages	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages	Present Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages	Current Expenses, Sexton, Fuel, Light, Etc.	Apportioned for Quadrennium		Paid This Year	Balance Due for Quadrennium		
				Probationers	Members on Roll	Non-Resident Members															Local Preachers	Deaths During Year
Aldine	E. W. Osburn	1	1	18	15	2	1	37	25	1	1	1250	126	62	275	80						
Alvin	C. J. Ackerman	4	10	150	76	2	1	15	15		1	1600	115	147	144	144		1				
Arcadia and Pearlband	E. L. Jones	7		76	26			45			3	1200	31		132	60						
Atlanta, Jefferson & Overton	G. L. Harper	3		72																		
Austin, Hyde Park	R. T. Pynes	6		209	11	1	2			2	1	300	50					2				
Deadwood and Bethel	T. M. Ransom			8	7					1	1	1200										
Houston, College Heights	T. J. Shroder	16		114	6		1	36		1	1	1800		188	200	170						
Houston, Houston Heights	W. T. Stokes	4		191	20	3	2			5	1	4600	90		75	1000						
Hughes Springs & Winnsboro	W. I. Gates			102	20			43	36	1	1	2000	158		400	77						
La Porte	C. H. LaGrone											1500										
Lufkin Circuit	Guy W. Holmes	1	3	36	4			20	30	1	1	1250	75		34							
Lyford	C. E. Woodson	3	9	114	17	1	2	30		1	1	2500	44		69							
Marshall and Harleton	J. H. Beadle		15	150	20	3				2	1	600			50							
Noonday	Ore City Circuit			47			1			2												
Ore City Circuit	J. H. Beadle			67	20					2												
Polk Circuit	Chas. Richardson	12		77						2												
Rock Hill	R. T. Pynes	13		184	4		1			2		1500										
Sabine	C. A. Perkins	7		134	20		3	26	14	1	1	3000	46				3					
San Antonio, Trinity	H. C. Leonard	9		245						1	1	1500		94	100	25						
San Antonio, Williams Chap.	J. M. Kenna			25	26		1			1	1	500		221								
Shelbyville and Center	T. M. Ransom	18		93	7			39	43	1	1	1000	25		25							
South Houston	F. M. Simpson			171	20					3	1	2000	149		106			2				
Texas City	K. C. Minter	15													25							
Woodville Circuit																						
TOTAL		96	61	2283	243	13	15	291	148	33	103	1510	984	4	1426	1113			8			

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Auburn, Miss.....	R. G. Swanson.....	21	277	23	2	2	2550	1	1150	13	21	21
Gloster, Miss.....	R. G. Swanson.....	31	277	22	2	2	2550	1	1150	12	21	21
Hammond, La.....	M. E. Bramhall.....	2	18	1	1	2	6000	1	2000	40	40	40	.....
Lutcher, La.....	H. K. Faulk.....	5	45	5	1	1	2800	.....	.....	50	73	44	.....
Loranger, La.....	W. C. Bergman.....	3	53	.....	.....	1	6000	.....	.....	100	500	1500	.....
New Orleans, St. Charles Ave.	F. W. Loy.....	2	65	10	1	1	20000	.....	.....	465	5700	60	.....
New Orleans, First Italian.....	Enzo Stasio.....	2	80	1	2	10000	1	5000	1025	4500	100
TOTAL.....	67	13	815	61	2	9	25	11	10	49800	4	9300 1700 573 11700 336

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Bayou Chene.....	W. R. Newton.....	5	194	30	1	5	1	1400	90	95	1
Basile.....	W. B. Niell.....	20	2	1075
Crowley.....	R. L. Weldon.....	6	65	21	1	7000	1	3000	75	85	3
DeRidder.....	E. N. Hardin.....	1	70	6	1	.....	.....	3000	1	.....	50	200	118	.....
DeQuincy.....	F. J. Ensign.....	3	73	8	1	.....	.....	1750	1	750	10	12	.....	.....
Dry Prong.....	M. A. Farr.....	8	162	25	2	2	3	1350	1	800	227	230	125	.....
Ebenezer.....	R. L. Weldon.....	12	170	20	1	30	10	2700	1	1000	910	50	195	.....
Elton.....	R. R. Ellis.....	9	69	.....	1	.....	.....	2500	1	.....	.....	20	2	.....
French Mission & Sweet Lake	R. W. B. Hebert.....	4	54	13	1	37	.....	.....	1	500	50	87	5	.....
Florien and Neame.....	E. N. Hardin.....	.....	22	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gueydan.....	L. B. Bolcourt.....	4	54	13	1	.....	.....	1750	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hico.....	Q. L. L. Yockey.....	1	84	1	.....	.....	.....	800	1	500	50	10	.....	.....
Iowa.....	S. H. Hodgson.....	13	130	4	.....	.....	.....	1080	1	500	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jennings.....	R. T. Webb.....	11	54	10	1	30	50	4500	1	2250	.....	236	.....	.....
Kinder and Oakdale.....	G. B. Hines.....	2	183	43	2	46	.....	2250	1	1250	455	250	1100	38
Lake Charles.....	.....	6	217	43	2	80	.....	9500	1	.....	.....	5100	121	.....
Marthaville.....	.....	12	198	.....	.....	.....	.....	1600	.....	.....	.....	10	.....	.....
Port Arthur.....	Morris.....	16	20	140	7	.....	.....	35000	1	2150	.....	3000	700	.....
Vivian.....	J. W. Hervey.....	.....	.....	.....	3	45	25	6500	1	2500	75	1800	230	3
Wish.....	J. W. Lively.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	17
Winnfield.....	66	79	2073	243	6	18	329	160	26	84525	9	12550	4017
TOTAL.....	66	79	2073	243	6	18	329	160	26	84525	9	12550	4017
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